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FOR S/PRS

PLEASE PASS TO NSC AND WHITE HOUSE FOR SCOWCROFT AND NESSEN

S/S-15 FOR YOUR INFORMATION, NOT REPEAT NOT FOR RELEASE, IS

THE TRANSCRIPT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S RESPONSE TO

NEWSMEN'S QUESTIONS PRIOR TO THE MORNING SESSION WITH

FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO, JANUARY 23:

Q. THERE WAS A STORY PUBLISHED THIS MORNING STATING YOU
PLAN TO RESIGN.

A. I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT STORY.

Q. JOHN SCALI ON THE EVENING NEWS LAST NIGHT.

A. NEVER HEARD OF IT. IT'S RIDICULOUS.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE TALKS TO THIS POINT?

A. (GARBLED)...VERY SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS AND SOME VERY
INTERESTING NEW SOVIET IDEAS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED. I THINK
THAT GOOD PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.

Q. ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE MISSION?

A. YES I AM.

Q. MR SECRETARY, WHAT EFFECT DO YOU THINK THESE RESULTS
YOU'VE ACHIEVED IN MOSCOW- THE FACT THAT BOTH SIDES WERE
NOT ABLE TO REACH A BREAKTHROUGH - WILL HAVE ON DETENTE?

A. (EMPHASIS) SIGNICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE - TOWARDS
A SALT AGREEMENT. THEREFORE, I THINK THAT ON ONE OF THE
KEY ELEMENTS WE HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF CONCLUDING AN AGREE-

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Q. ARE YOU DISAPPOINTED ON ANGOLA?

A. WE'RE DISCUSSING THAT NOW...

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